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1. The Partido Comunista Peruano (PCP) is headed by a Central Committee with headquarters in Lima at Colmena 669. Under this are grouped Departmental Committees covering the majority of Peruvian Departments. The following is a list of Secretaries of those Committees:

Ancaash	Marcelo Sanchez	Huanuco	Pedro P. Muniga
Apurimac	Carlos Flores	Ica	Victor Munante
Arequipa	Augusto Chavez Bedoya	Junin	Eliceo Garcia
Ayacucho	Jose Betalleluz	Lambayeque	Carlos Abulu (Miranda)
Cajamarca	Virgilio Perez	Libertad	Ricardo Salvez
Callao	Asuncion Suarez	Lima	Angel Martin
Cuzco	Abelardo Salazar	Piura	Raul Marlategui
Huancavelica	Sergio Velez	Puno	Jorge Valdes
		Tacna	Luis Franco

Other Departments have only local Committees at specific points.

2. The most important of the Departmental Committees is that in Cuzco, where the PCP claims a membership of approximately 8000. Within the Department the greatest strength is in the Provinces of Cuzco, La Convencion, Canchis, Espinar, and Paucartambo. In addition to the Departmental Secretary, Abelardo Salazar, the most important member is Cesar Nieto, who has been called to Lima by the Political Commission of the PCP to take charge of the Party newspaper *Luz* when the latter becomes a daily, instead of a weekly, in June.
3. The Departmental Committee of Lima has headquarters at the same location as the Central Committee. The Party claims a strength of approximately 5000 in this Department.
4. The structure of the PCP below the Departmental Committees consists of Provincial Committees and Local Committees. The latter two groups actually control the party cells, or "Celulas de Barrios."

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